

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul McAfee

Serial Number: 10/645,202

Filed: August 21, 2003

For: METAL BACKED UHMWPE ROD
SLEEVE SYSTEM PRESERVING
SPINAL MOTION

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Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Richard Shaffer

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Action dated March 30, 2007 ("Final Action"), Applicant requests continued examination and responds as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.